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SUBJECT: UN GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. FRG FOREIGN OFFICE REP (VAN EDIG) REVIEWED WITH
EMBASSY' S SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE RESULTS " VERY SUCCESSFUL"
VISIT TO US BY GERMAN ENVIRONMENTAL DELEGATION.

2. VAN EDIG RECALLED CONVERSATION WITH CHRISTIAN HERTER,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS,
WHO HAD SUGGESTED THAT " BRUSSELS GROUP" (UK, FRANCE,
ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FRG AND US) MIGHT MEET
DURING CCMS PLENARY MEETING IN OTTAWA TO BEGIN
CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATION OF COMMON POSITIONS FOR
JUNE MEETING OF UN GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAMS.

3. VAN EDIG ASKED SCIATT TO INFORM HERTER THAT INITIAL
INVESTIGATION OF THIS POSSIBILITY HAD REVEALED BELGIAN
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OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION OF " BRUSSELS GROUP" TO INCLUDE OTHER NATIONS, I. E. CANADA AS HOST FOR CCMS PLENARY. FRG WISHED, OF COURSE, INCLUDE CANADA. BELGIANS SUGGESTED THEREFORE THAT CANADIANS MIGHT CONVENE SELECTED GROUP OF NATIONS AT OTTAWA FOR CONSULTATIONS ABOUT UN COUNCIL.

4. VAN EDIG HAS PASSED THIS BELGIAN SUGGESTION TO CANADIAN EMBASSY BONN. HE BELIEVES THAT " BRUSSELS GROUP" NATIONS PLUS CANADA WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS. JAPANESE MIGHT, VAN EDIG BELIEVES, BE REPRESENTED BY OFFICIAL FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY IN OTTAWA. VAN EDIG SUGGESTED THAT HERTER MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS THESE POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS WITH CANADIANS IN WASHINGTON TO LEARN WHETHER THEY WILLING AND ABLE PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THIS PURPOSE IN CONNECTION WITH CCMS PLENARY.

5. EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED FORWARD ANY COMMENTS TO VAN EDIG. HILLENBRAND

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